

10TH TENNESSEE VOLUNTEER INFANTRY REGIMENT, U.S.A.
Also called 1st Middle Tennessee Infantry Regiment: Gillem's Regiment

Mustered in at Nashville, April 26 to August 27, 1862, mustered out at Greeneville, Tennessee, May 25, and at Knoxville, June, 1865.

Field Officers

Colonels - Alvan C. Gillem (to brigadier general), James W. Scully
Lieutenant Colonels - Frank T. Foster, James W. Scully, John Feudge
Majors - Alexander Thurneck, Louis Mandazy, Middleton L. Moore

Captians - Edward D.R. Bladen, Henry N. Lee, Co. "A". Enrolled at Waynesboro, Wayne County; mustered in April 26, 1862, mustered out at Greeneville, Tennessee, May 25, 1865.

Miles Joyce, Co. "B", Mustered in April 26, 1862; mustered out at Greenville, May 25, 1865.

Patrick W. Halloran, John Phillips, Co. "C", mustered in April 29, 1862; mustered out at Greenville, May 25, 1865.

R. Weitmuller, David Gloerke, Co. "D". Mustered in June 5, 1862, men from Davidson, Bedford and Rutherford Counties; mustered out at Knoxville, June 10, 1865.

Cuthbert B. Word, Co. "E". Mustered in July 7, 1862, men mostly from Bedford County; mustered out at Knoxville, June 25. 1865.

James C. Green, Robert H. Clinton, Co. "F". Enrolled at Savannah, Hardin County; mustered in June 5, 1862; mustered out at Knoxville, June 20, 1865.

Elisha Chastain, William W. Phillips, James A. Castile, Otto Jacobi, Co. "G". Mustered in July 4, 1862.

Alexander Lynch, John Feudge, Michael Fogarty, Co. "H". Mustered in August 26, 1862.

P.M. Pryor, James H. Queen, Middleton L. Moore, William W. Mount. Co. "I", Enrolled at Battle Creek, Marion County; mustered in August 27, 1862; mustered out at Knoxville, June 23, 1865.

Peter Engels, Co. "K". Enrolled at Memphis, Shelby County, by Lieutenant Louis R. Mandazy; mustered in July 21, 1862.

Alvan C. Gillem was appointed colonel of this regiment May 13, 1862, at which time only three companies had been mustered into service. It was first reported in the Official Records on June 10, 1862, in Brigadier General Ebenezer Dumont's Independent Brigade, District of the Ohio. On June 14, 1862, Colonel Stanley Matthews, at Nashville, reported there was no troops in Nashville except the Provost Guard and the "unorganized" First Tennessee Regiment (Governor's Guards)."

A letter from Captain Oliver D. Greene, Assistant Adjutant General, dated July 17, 1862, gives some indication of the circumstances under which the regiment was organized. "The house you inquire about belonged to Colonel Heiman, of the rebel army and was taken possession of by the military authorities for sequestration under act of Congress August 6, 1861. During my absence Governor Johnson ordered the provost marshal to give the keys to a Major Thurneck, of the First Tennessee Volunteers, then being raised here. On my return, finding that Major Thorneck with his family was living in the house, although his regiment was under canvas, and knowing your orders about officers living with their men, I telegraphed to know if that order was still in force. I found it was, and verbally directed Major Thurneck that he must live with his men. No attention was paid, on the grounds that the regiment was not in U.S. Service and not liable to the United States Authorities. Finding that many other officers of the same regiment were making preparations to bring their families to live in houses under the same circumstances, and

recognizing the injury to the service which must arise, I directed the provost marshal to cause the house to be vacated, as also other houses occupied by soldiers and officers without authority from these headquarters. The order was promptly executed by the provost marshal in all instances except Major Thurneck and the quartermaster of the same regiment. The latter claimed that he rented his house. Major Thurneck held on to his house by false representations - that his children and wife were so sick that removal would be at the risk of their lives. I finally sent a surgeon to examine. Upon his report of the facts I directed Colonel Campbell to have him ejected as occupying a house in possession of the United States without civil authority. He refused to obey the order. The order was reiterated peremptorily, and he peremptorily refused to obey the second order. He was arrested; and his lieutenant colonel obeyed the order at once. I am sure that if any officer in the department not directly interested had examined the matter and reported, my action would have been approved." By way of footnote, it might be added that Major Thurneck resigned in September, 1862, and Governor Johnson requested that Captian Greene be ordered elsewhere.

The regiment, as the 10th Tennessee Infantry, was reported as part of the Post Forces of Nashville on October 8, 1862. In January, 1863, in the organization of the XIV Corps, the regiment was reported as unattached to any brigade.

On May 3, 1863, Major General W.S. Rosecrans wrote the Adjutant General, U.S. Army: "I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the Secretary of War to the General in Chief, directing that Colonel Gillem's First Tennessee Infantry be detached from general service and placed under the command of Governor Johnson, and indorsed by General Halleck for me to carry it into execution. I shall give the requisite orders, but it is my duty to express the apprehension that we shall thus lose the service of a regiment. I am also apprehensive that having a regiment withing the garrison of Nashville not subject to the orders of the general commanding is far more likely to beget dicord and trouble than anything else."

On June 30, 1863, the regiment was reported at Camp Spears, Nashville; on July 31, it was reported in the Reserve Corps, 2nd Division, 3rd Brigade; on August 31, it was still at Camp Spears; but on September 24, 1863, after the battle of Chickamauga, General Rosecrans wrote: "I want Gillem and his regiment tomorrow to Bridgeport (Alabama) to aid in securing the railroad."

On October 19, 1863, two companies were at Camp Rosecrans, with the 2nd U.S. Colored Infantry, guarding the construction of the Nashville and Northwestern Railroad, 30 miles from Nashville. On October 31, the regiment was reported as one of the unassigned regiments along the line of railroads. On December 31, 1863, it was reported as one of the regiments along the line of the Nashville and Northwestern Railroad.

On January 2, 1864, the regiment was assigned to the 1st Brigade, District of Nashville, of the XII Corps. On April 14, the XI and XII Corps were consolidated to form the XX Corps, and the regiment assigned to the 1st Brigade, 4th Division, XX Corps, and on April 23 was reported with 775 effectives.

On June 6, 1864, Major General George H. Thomas directed the regiment be dropped from the returns of the Army of the Cumberland and transferred to Governor Andrew Johnson as a Governor's Guard. It continued to serve in this capacity until April 1865, when it was sent to Knoxville, to form part of the 4th Division, Army of the Cumberland. On April 24, it was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 4th Division, stationed at Greeneville. It was mustered out of service June 23, 1865.

1-3-1-5 WILLIAM A. SPURLING

- 1861 Monroe Co., Tennessee Marriage Records. Marriages 1820-1870. William Spurling to Nancy Black, September 14, 1861.
- 1871 Morgan County, Tennessee Deed Book Y. _____ acres on Bone Camp Creek dated 30 December 1871. Registered 22 August 1885. Bought from GALLOWAY, Jas. H.
- 1878 Morgan Co., Tennessee Reverse Index to Instruments. William A. Spurling Grantee, P.C.H. GUNTER, et ux, Grantor, Deed Book A-3. page 74. Deed dated 7 March 1878. Deed Registered 3 December 1914.
- 1887 Morgan Co., Tennessee, Deed Book B, p. 516. William A. Spurling and wife Nancy Spurling to Rebecca Morris all of Morgan County, Tennessee; dated April 22, 1887; sum of \$50; 22 1/2 acres bounded by A.B. Wright's land, James H. Johnson's land; signed by Wm. Spurling, Nancy made her mark; wit. by T.A. Morris and J.L. Cochran; proved by Wm. A. Spurling and Nancy A. Spurling on April 22, 1887 by T.A. Morris Clerk, County Court. August 20, 1887. H. Davidson Register for Morgan County.
- 1880 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Tennessee, page 562 in 6th Civil District. Family #44 and House #44. SPURLING, William, age 36, Farmer, b. Tenn.; Nancy, age 28, b. Kentucky; Mary, age 9, b. Tenn.; Alice, age 6, b. Tenn.; Laura, age 6 months, b. Tennessee.
- 1882 Morgan County, Tennessee, Book T-2, page 142. SPURLING, William A. Grantee, and BYRD, Vardimore Grantor, 5 acres. Deed dated 16 October 1882 and registered 26 April 1909.
- Tennesseans in the Civil War, Part 11, Civil War Centennial Commission, Nashville, Tennessee 1905.
Spurling, William A., Pvt. H Co., 10th Inf. - Union Army.
- 1890 Civil War Veterans Census - Tennessee, Byron and Barbara Sistler, Evanston, Ill., 1978.
Spurling, William A., Morgan Co., - 200-2; Pvt. H Co., 10th Tenn. Inf.; 8 July 1863 to 4 July 1865; Skene P.O. - gunshot right shoulder, disease of lungs and chest, result of measles.

According to his Civil War Records William A. settled down to be a farmer in the Morgan County area. On my recent trip to Tennessee Mrs. Brown with whom I visited with said that William A. worked with his younger brother Hiram C. at times as a slave runner. Apparently near the New River there was a rock quarry where slaves were used quite heavily to work the quarry.

Monday, August 6th, 1866

State Of Tennessee:

Please at the Court House in the town of Athens, County of McMinn and State aforesaid, on this second Monday of said month and 13th day thereof and of American Independence the 90th. Present, the Hon. William L. Adams, one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of the State Of Tennessee, and assigned to hold the Courts of the fourth Judicial Circuit in said State.

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Saturday, August 25th 1866

Court met pursuant to adjournment, Present, the Hon. William L. Adams Judge and c.

Nancy Spurling#

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vs.

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Wm. Spurling #

Came the complainant by her Solicitor and it appearing that publications has been regularly made according to law in the Athens Press, a public newspaper published in the town of Athens, Tennessee, requiring the respondent to appear at this term and make defence to the complainents bill, and being solemnly called to come into Court and make such defence, came not but made default. It is therefore considered by the Court that judgement proconfesso be entered against the defendant the cause be set for hearing exparte.

Be it remembered that this cause coming on to be finally heard had determined upon bill, Judgement proconfesso, and proff in the cause, and it appearing to the satisfaction of his Hon. Wm. L. Adams presiding and holding the Circuit Court for McMinn Co., in the State of Tennessee, in the town of Athens, from bill judgement proconfesso and proof introduced in the cause, that the defendant has wilfully and maliciously abandoned said complainent and failed to provide a support for her; and it further appearing to the Court that the said defendant had been guilty of adultery with other females, and that he had by such illicit intercourse, acquire and cught a loathsome disease, and returned home with the same. It is therefore adjudged and decreed by the Hon. Court, that the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between the said complainent and defendant, be forever dissolved and for nothing hold, and the said Nancy, be restored to all the rights, and privileges of a single woman; and that she and her security pay the cost of this cause for which execution may issue. And it is further considered by the Court that she said complainent have judgement over against the said William Spurling for all the cost in this behalf expended, for which execution may issue.

I, J.E. Tuell, Clerk of the Circuit Court for McMinn County, hereby certify the foregoing to be a full and true transcript of the proceedings had in the case of nancy Spurling vs. William Spurling for Divorce as the same appears of record in my Office. This April 5th 1905

J.E. Tuell ---- Clerk

By, W.C. Dodson, Deputy Clerk

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State Of Tennessee}
)SS
County Of McMinn)

In the matter of William A. Spurling

On this 15th day of July A.D. 1885 personally appeared before me a S.F. Blair, J.P. in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths N.L. Dodd aged 40 years, a resident of _____ in the KCounty of McMinn and State Of Tennessee well known to me and and whom I certify to be reputable and entitled to c redit, and who, being duly sworn declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows.

I was personally acquainted with the Claimant William A. Spurling during the year of 1865 and he was disabled from performing manuel labor at least two thrids of his time the reason I no this fact is he was confined to his bed and he had a very sore mouth and he was taking medson the time I sean him takin the medson was in August in 1865 he was at Athen McMinn County Tennessee.

My post-office address is Mt. Verel, McMinn County, Tennessee. I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Virginia Dodd
J.H. Spurling

Her
V.L. X Dodd
Mark

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
PENSION OFFICE
November 16th, 1881

Respectfully requested of the ADJUTANT GENERAL, U.S.A. a report of service and disability in the case No. 355845, of William A. Spurling Private Co. "H", 10th Tennessee Vols.

Disabled by Scurry, disease of heart and rheumatism at Nashville, Tennessee about October 1863 or 1864.

Discharged June 24th 1865.

Wm. W. Dudley
Commissioner

WAR DEPARTMENT
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON, January 14, 1882

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions:

William Spurling private Company 26, 10 Regiment Tennessee Infantry Volunteers, was enrolled on the 8th day of July, 1863 at Nashville to serve 3 years and is reported: July and August 1863 present similar report April 30th 1864, May and June 1864, absent on furlough at Chattanooga, Tennessee, sub rolls to October 31st 1864. Present November and December 1864. Absent sick in General Hospital at Jeffersonville, Indiana. sub rolls to April 20th 1865 present. Mustered out with Company June 24th 1865 at Knoxville, Tennessee as private, Name - William A. Spurling not borne the Records of this office furnish no evidence of alleged disability. nature of furlough or sickness not stated. no medical certificate on file.

A.H. Nickerson

Assistant Adjutnat General

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State Of Tennessee)

)SS

County Of Morgan)

In the matter of the pension Claim of William A. Spurling

On this 19 day of September A.D. 1885 personally appeared before me a Clerk in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths Nancy Walls, aged 34 years, a resident of Morgan County and State Of Tennessee well known to me and whom I certify to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

I was personally acquainted with William A. Spurling during the year of 1865 and during the months of August and September 1865. He was confined to his bed and was taking medicine from Dr. Alexander. I was living near Athens McMinn County Tennessee at that time the reason why I know these facts is he was confined to his bed and he had a very sore mouth.

My post-office address is Sunbright, Tennessee. I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Nancy Walls

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State Of Tennessee)

)SS

County Of Morgan)

In the matter of Pension Claim of William A. Spurling late of Company H of the 10th Reg't Tennessee Inf. Vols.

On this 3rd day of December A.D. 1887, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths, James A. McKiney aged 31 whose Post Office address is Sunbright, Morgan County, Tennessee well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, who being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

I have known William A. Spurling for fifteen years and have worked for and with him different times during that acquaintance. I was chopping wood for him and he complained with pain at Hart and he had to stop work and went to bed and suffered very bad and was confined for some time and was hardly unable to do any work for that day and he flushed in the face and turned blue. I live one quarter of mile from him and has for the last eight years since his discharge from the war and have saw him on an average once a week and he is most always complaining in the same way and have often saw him getting down and in getting up. Would rub his legs and complain of them hurting him and have saw his mouth soar and he said it was scurvy and I have heard him agree to work for low wages during this acquaintance with him he has not been able to do more than half manual labor.

His

James X A. McKiney

Mark

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

State Of Tennessee)
)SS
County Of Morgan)

In the matter of William A. Spurling

On this 17 day of March A.D. 1888 personally appered before me L. McMaier J.P. in and for the said County, duly authorized to administer oaths Reason Pittman aged 34 years, whose Post Office address is Sunbright, Morgan County, Tennessee who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to said case as follows:

I am personly aquanted with the Aplicant William A. Spurling and has ben for the last 20 years. I live about 2 miles from him. I have worked with and for him and different times and at difrent kinds of work. I have seen him about Twist a weak. He is trubled with his heart and I have seean him have sutch spells that he was apearntly dead and was speechless for sometime. He looked of a bluish Color He was working the County road when he took one spell and it lasted all the time I stayed I have none him confined to his house at difrent times he is not able to doe half the work a able bodied man can doo. His mouth is sore at times. He said it was curry. It loks like a burn and kind of pale yellow. the reason I can state this is I have felt his heart flutring and seed his mouth sore and he is evermped from working the County roads. His work woldent more than half suport his family. I am not interested in this claim nor in its prosecution

DECLARATION FOR PENSION

State Of Tennessee)
Morgan County)

On this 17th day of July A.D. 1890 personally appeared before me William A. Spurling whose Post Office address is Glades, Morgan County, Tennessee who, being duly sworn, declares that he is the identical William A. Spurling who was a Private in Company H of the 10th Reg't. of Tennessee Vols; That he was enrolled in said company in Nashville, Tennessee on the 8th day of July 1865 and was honorable discharged at Nashville, Tennessee on the 4th day of July 1865. That he was born on the 10th day of March 1844. That he is (1) totally disabled for the performance of ordinary manual labor (2) and unable to earn a suport by reason of rheumatism, heart disease and Scurry and a injury to left side believed to be permanent and not the result of his vicious habits.

That he (3) has not been employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above.

That since his final discharge from the service he has resided (4) in McMinn County, Tennessee and Morgan County, Tennessee and that his occupation has been that of a Farmer.

That to his entry into the serivce above-named he was in good health, being when enrolled a (5) A Painter; that he is now unalbe to earn a support by manual labor from causes above described, he therefore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States and hereby appoints Nathan Brickford of Washington, D.C., his lawful attorney to prosecute his claim and to recieve a fee of ten dollars. That he has not heretofore recieved but applied for a pension (6) #355.845.

William A. Spurling
(Signature of Claimant)

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

I, I.A.J. CoCrum a resident of Glades in the County of Morgan and State Of Tennessee, aged 28 years on oath deposes and says in relation to the pension claim of William A. Spurling a Private late of Co. H, Reg't 10th Inft. Vols., as follows:

I am personally aquanted with William Spurling 12 years and he is afflicted with Heart diseas and rheumatisam and Currey and is nown him to git a hurt in the left side why I no these facts is I have seen him take spells and I felt of his heart and it was fluttering and I have herd him complain of his knees hurting and I have seen his mouth sore and he got hurt in the side and he was a past going and from the effects of all the Diseases I believe him to bee permenently disabled.

I further state that I have no pecuniary interest in this claim and that my post office address is Glades, Morgan County, Tennessee.

I.A.J. Cochrum

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890

Certificate No. 721143
Name: William Spurling

Department Of The Interior
Bureau Of Pensions
Washington, D.C., January 15, 1898

SIR:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very Respectfully, H. Chas. Evans
Commissioner

William A. Spurling
Sunbright,
Tennessee

First Are you married? If so, please state your wife's name and her maiden name. Answer: Yes Nancy C. Scott

Second. When, where and by whom were you married? Answer. Jamestown, Tennessee November 2, 1866, Squire John Frogg

Third. What record of marriage exists? Answer License returned to County Court Clerk Fentress Co. Tennessee

Fourth. Where you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of death or divorce. Answer. Yes, Nancy Caise July 1866

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth. Answer Yes

Mary, May 4, 1870

Rohina March 29, 1874

Laura April 10, 1880

Minnie December 31, 1882

Benjamin March 2, 1889

Signed, William A. Spurling

Date of reply, November 4, 1898

DECLARTAIION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION

State Of Tennessee)

)SS

County Of Morgan)

On this 19 day of January A.D. one thousand nine hundred and five personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid nancy C. Spurling, aged 54 years a resident of Glades Tennessee, County Of Morgan, State of Tennessee, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain pension under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 27, 1890, as amended by the act of May 9, 1900.

That she is the widow of William A. Spurling, who was a Private under the name of William A. Spurling, on the 8th day of July 1863 as a Private in Company H, 10 Reg. Tennessee Infantry Volunteers, and honorable discharged 24th June 1865, having served ninety days or more during the late war of the rebellion. That the soldier was not in the military or naval service of the United States except as stated above.

That she was married under the name of Nancy C. Scott to said soldier at Jamestown on the 2nd day of November 1866 by John Frogg, J.P.; that there was no legal barrier to the marriage; that she had not been previously married; that the soldier had been previously married. And was divorced August 1866 at Athens, Tennessee, McMinn County.

That the said soldier died 24th of November 1904 at his home near Glades, Tennessee that she was not divorced from him; that she has not remarried since his death; and that she is without other means of support than her daily labor and an actual net income not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars each year.

That the said soldier left the following-named children who are now living and under sixteen years of age, to wit:

Benjamin H. Spurling born March 2nd, 1889 at Glades, Tennessee

That she has not heretofore applied for pension.

That her post-office address is Glades, County of Morgan, State Of Tennessee.

ATTEST: (1) Alice Douglas
(2) Laura Spurling

Her
Nancy C. X Spurling
Mark

So. Division)
Widow No. 820530)
William A. Spurling)
Co. H 10 Tenn. Inf.)

State Of Tennessee
County Of Morgan

Personally appeared before me J.C. Douglas a Notary Public in and for said County, Nancy C. Spurling the claimant in a have intitlled claim and who being by me duly sworn, says there is no Public Record of deaths kept in the Morgan County and that she is just now informed by the County court clerk of Jamestown, Fentress County, Tennessee on county she was married that the Public Records of marriage was destroyed by fire on the 8th of December 1904, and also that the Justice of the Peace who performed the marriage ceremony is dead as she is informed and that her residence and post office is Glades, Tennessee, and that William A. Spurling had been previously married to Miss Nancy Malderine Black and that said Soldier William A. Spurling was divorced from the said Maldeine Spurling Black in August 1866. Claimant for this swears and says she had not been prevously married has one cow and one yearling and one mule, and about fifteen (15) head of small hogs and a few household, enough to keep house with and the soldier died possessed of about one hundred and five or six acres of land valued at \$350 and that she has no interest in stock or Bonds of investments of any kind, and that she has no other income at all from any sosurce, and that she has not disposed of any real estate of any kind since January 20th 1905, and that no one all is legally bound to provide for her support and that she has not prevously married and has remarried.

Her

Attest: Alice Douglas
Mimie Spurlin

Nancy C. X Spurling
Mark

Sworn and subscribed to before this 27th day of February 1905 and I certify that I read every word of the foregoing affidavit to the calimant and that she fully understood it and that all erasures and alternations were made before calimant (signed) made her mark to the same and I certify that I administered the oath to her.

J.C. Douglas
Notary Public

Southern Div)
Wid. C No. 820530)
William A. Spurling)
Co H. 10 Tenn. Inf.)

Bible Record

William A. Spurling and Nancy C. Scott was married 2nd day of November 1866

Bible Published 1828

Benjamin H. Spurling was Born March 2nd 1889

Bible Published 1868

State Of Tennessee)

Morgan County)

I, J.C. Douglas Notary Public for said county do hereby certify that the claimant in and have intituled claim has, this day brought to me two bibles and that the above transcripts are true and correct. And that from appearence was made about the time they bear date and that there is no marks of erasers or alternations of any kind and that I believe the part pertaining to Benjamin's birth to have been written by the soldier. This 14th day of June 1905.

J.C. Douglas
Notary Public

Nancy C. Spurling
R.R. 1, Box 26
595425 Act April
Burrville, Tennessee

Drop Report - Pensioner

 Cert. No.
Pensioner
Soldier
Service
Class Act: May 23, 1928 Sec. W.

Record Division

In the above-described case a declaration filed in this Division indicates that the said pensioner died
December 4, 1928
Cancelled on Schedule
Payee deceased

Fiance Division
January 2, 1929

The name of the above-described pensioner who was last paid at the rate of \$40 per month to November 4, 1928, has this been dropped from the roll because of death November 25, 1928.
O.J. Randall
Chief, Fiance Division